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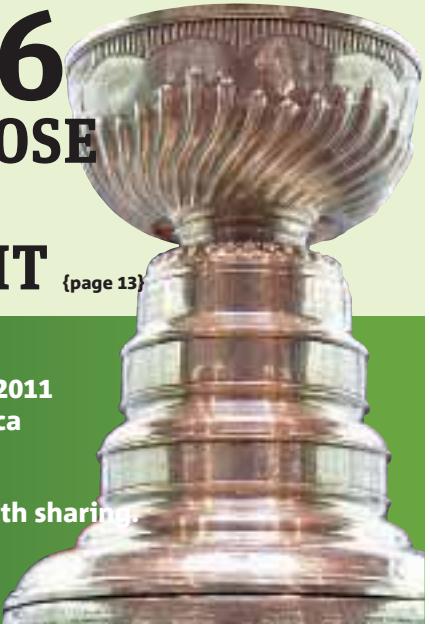
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News worth sharing.



**Sink. Hole**



► City crews work to repair a sinkhole that caused a road closure yesterday at Richmond Street and Oxford Street East.

# Guides on patrol

- Be on the lookout for SuperGuides, dressed in blue shirts and black hats
- They help visitors and residents



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July, they'll be organizing a tour of downtown London's urban art.

"We are the voice that connects the businesses and merchants with the customers, residents and visitors. We bring the community together by guiding shoppers toward what they're looking for ... and allowing visitors to take advantage of all the great things happening downtown!" reads an entry on the SuperGuides blog at [downtownlondon.superguides.blogspot.com](http://downtownlondon.superguides.blogspot.com).

Every Friday, they'll post clues on their blog about where to find them in the downtown, with a prize awarded to the first person to locate them. And on the last Friday of each month, there will be a scavenger hunt with a prize for the winner.

And of course, they'll drop a few coins in the meter if it's getting low.

Looking for some hidden gems in the city's core, or hoping a "parking angel" will pay your vehicle a visit if the meter is getting low?

Look no further than the SuperGuides, a popular program run by Downtown London, which returns for its fourth year.

As reported yesterday on [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca), from now until the end of the summer, SuperGuides Kyle Hutcheson, Maria Khami and Brandon Armstrong will be available for tours of the downtown, showing off little-known locations and information for visitors and Forest City dwellers alike. For example, in mid-

► Kyle Hutcheson, left, Maria Khami and Brandon Armstrong

## When the earth falls from beneath you

The sinkhole is about 22 feet deep, and city crews say it's going to take a few days to fix. Richmond was closed in both directions from Piccadilly to Oxford. There was one lane open on Oxford Street.



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Fiesta. London



► Randy Paterson, left, and Richard Fisher gulp down spicy authentic pork tacos during a taco-eating contest yesterday afternoon as part of Fiesta London. The annual Mexican festival featured contests, food and live music, and drew thousands of people to the Covent Garden Market.

KYLE REA/METRO

## Taco-eating contest a real stomach chunner

# ‘Stand up and fight for your rights’

► Ceremony marks the passing of legislation in 1996 that calls for victims to be treated with compassion and encourages them to participate in the justice system



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Don't call her a victim because that's not what she is: She's a survivor, and so is everyone who is the target of a crime.

That's according to sexual assault survivor

Michelle Austin, a guest speaker at yesterday's victim-commemoration ceremony at Harris Park.

"No one deserves to have something like this happen to them," Austin said. "The only thing you can do is stand up and fight for your rights."

She was sexually as-

**I'm not a victim.  
I'm a survivor.**

MICHELLE AUSTIN

saulted in 2003 and her attacker was later convicted.

Organized by London police and the Ministry of

the Attorney General, the ceremony marked the 15th anniversary of the passing of Ontario's Victims' Bill of Rights on June 11, 1996. The event included a commemoration ceremony performed by the Sir Frederick Banting Secondary School drum line — it was too

windy for the planned candlelight vigil.

London police Chief Brad Duncan asked attendees for a moment of silence for two groups: Survivors of crime who have moved on with their lives and "for those who remain victims as they are no longer with us."

## Man assaulted, robbed of money

Police are investigating a robbery and assault that took place early yesterday around Bonaventure Drive at Buchan Road.

At about 2:40 a.m., a 22-year-old man was approached by three unknown males. Police say two of the males grabbed onto his arms, while the third punched him in the stomach several times. One of the males then grabbed the victim's

wallet and took \$80. The victim wasn't injured.

The suspects have been described as Middle Eastern, 18 to 25 years old, and about six feet tall.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to call 519-661-5670.

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## Suspect in brick attack nabbed

London police have made an arrest after a woman was attacked with a brick early Saturday morning.

Police say just before 3 a.m., a 21-year-old man and two 19-year-old women were walking on Wortley Road near Victor Street when they got into an argument with an unknown male.

Michael Vineyard, 21, is charged. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Kitchen fire causes \$55K in damages

A family of three is devastated after a fire broke out in their west London home and caused \$55,000 in damages.

City firefighters responded to a fire at 160 Wharncliffe Rd. just after 9 p.m. Saturday. When they arrived, they saw smoke coming from the rear of the house and flames coming from the kitchen.

Officials said the fire

started when grease ignited on the stove top. Fire officials are reminding Londoners that this is one of the easiest ways a fire can start.

No one was seriously injured during the fire. The family has been offered living accommodations next door, and the Red Cross has also been called in to help provide necessities.

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## A HISTORIC DAY, WIN OR LOSE

 **JEFF HODSON**  
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On the verge of its first Stanley Cup in Canucks history, Vancouver quietly passes a dark milestone — tonight is the 125th anniversary of the night the city burned to the ground.

The Great Fire of June 13, 1886, blazed through Vancouver's mostly timbered shacks and reduced the new city (it was only two months old) to ash.

Downtown Vancouver is a different sort of tinderbox today, one sparkling with nervous excitement: the whole city seems to be holding its breath for the game.

### HOME ICE ADVANTAGE



Across the province, people exhaled with wild, happy celebration after Game 5. More than 100,000 people celebrated in downtown streets, and throughout the city cars honked and firecrackers barked.

In its 40 years as a franchise, the Canucks have never won hockey's ultimate prize. They've been in the final twice before. And the last time there were riots when they lost.

**JEFF HODSON IS MANAGING EDITOR OF METRO VANCOUVER**

# 'Resilience and recovery'

► First photos of Gabrielle Giffords show congresswoman smiling, few signs of gunshot wound ► She could be released from rehab facility this month

Images of a smiling U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords were posted early yesterday on her Facebook page, two photos that show her with shorter, darker hair but few signs that she suffered a gunshot wound to the head.

The photos were taken May 17 outside the Houston rehabilitation facility, TIRR Memorial Hermann, where Giffords has been undergoing intensive treatment since she was wounded five months ago at a meet-and-greet event with constituents. Six people died and a dozen others were wounded in the Jan. 8 attack in Tucson, Ariz.

Since then, access to the Arizona congresswoman has been tightly controlled. Until yesterday, no clear images had been released.

Giffords spokesman C.J. Karamargin said staff members released the photos



► This May 17 photo of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, left, was posted to her public Facebook page by her aides yesterday. The woman in the background is her mother, Gloria Giffords.

yesterday to help satisfy "intense interest in the congresswoman's appearance."

The photos capture her ecstatic mood following her astronaut husband's space-shuttle launch in May.

"She got to see her husband successfully ride a rocket into space," Karamargin said. "So who wouldn't be pleased?"

He added: "I think this photo speaks volumes

about the congresswoman's resilience and recovery. It shows someone in very good spirits, someone who is happy, someone who has a very positive attitude."

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## Studying mental hardships of High Arctic postings

As Canada asserts its Arctic sovereignty, the military wants to know whether people working in dark, isolated outposts are prone to mental breakdown.

And a recent report for the scientific arm of the Department of National Defence says the answers may be found in early expeditions to Antarctica, where polar explorers suffered a raft of psychological problems a century ago.

"Early Antarctic research identified the 'winter-over

syndrome,' comprised of depression, anxiety, irritability, hostility, insomnia, and inability to concentrate," says the newly released report.

"Two unique phenomena have also been noted. One is 'Big Eye,' chronic insomnia; the other is 'Long Eye,' a vacant stare denoting that the individual is ... unaware of the surrounding environment and activities."

The findings are part of a March 31 study commis-

sioned by Toronto-based Defence Research and Development Canada, and obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

Researchers were asked to review scientific literature on the psychological adaptation of people working in isolated, confined or extreme environments. That includes submarines, space capsules and lonely polar outposts.

The government scientist who ordered the re-

search says the aim is to help personnel assigned to posts in the High Arctic, such as remote CFS Alert on

the northeastern tip of Ellesmere Island. The RCMP, Environment Canada and other departments

regularly assign staff to this extreme environment, in addition to the military.

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### Gender factor

The \$44,000 report, by Guelph, Ont.-based consultants Humansystems Inc., notes that mixed-gender crews can add psychological complexity to isolated postings.

► "Where there are few

women on a site with a substantial male population, they feel that they are always being watched, expected to be nurturing to crew members with problems and to mediate interpersonal conflicts," say the authors.

► "Conversely, some report that they get special

favours and consideration, for example being excused from heavy manual labour and sheltered from some discomforts."

► "There is a general opinion that the presence of women tends to improve personal hygiene and reduce rudeness among male colleagues."

## Prince Philip turns 90 with royal bash

Prince Philip, the colourful and outspoken husband of Queen Elizabeth II, attended a special church service and reception yesterday to celebrate his 90th birthday.

The Queen, Prince William and his new bride, Kate Middleton, joined the

rest of the royal family to celebrate Philip's birthday.

Sportsmen, foreign royals, Prince Philip's godchildren and staff who have worked for the royal family were among the 750 guests invited.

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## Weiner won't resign as new photos surface

U.S. House Democratic leaders yesterday urged Rep. Anthony Weiner to quit because of his sex-texting scandal, a request he has sidestepped in favour of a temporary leave of absence.

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► Anthony Weiner

## Flights cancelled as volcanic ash spreads

Thousands of passengers in Australia and New Zealand were affected when airlines suspended flights yesterday as an ash cloud from an erupting volcano in southern Chile spread, threatening to damage engines.

Australia's national carri-

er, Qantas Airways, said about 8,000 people would be affected by its cancellations alone.

New Zealand's Civil Aviation Authority said the ash would likely disrupt flights for the next week.

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# Heat is on in airline talks

Both sides of Air Canada dispute hope strike is avoided Managers have backup plan, just in case



Hong Kong residents have always had a fascination for high fashion, something Prada and its bankers hope will translate into a successful IPO this month, as the company offers 423.3 million shares for sale. Executives said they are optimistic about Prada's expansion into Asia, despite recent turmoil in world stock markets.

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## A change of clothes

### Divide or be conquered: Shareholders to RIM CEOs

BlackBerry maker Research in Motion Ltd. is facing a challenge from dissident shareholders who are calling for a separation in the roles of CEO and chairman. RIM is led by two execu-

tives, Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis, who serve as both co-CEOs and co-chairmen.

Northwest & Ethical Investments, a Canadian investment firm, says a division of the roles is vital for the board to be able to oversee the CEOs. RIM disagrees, and will ask shareholders to vote against the proposal at its annual meeting on July 12.

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Ottawa has urged both sides in the Air Canada labour dispute to reach a negotiated agreement as soon as possible.

Lisa Raitt, the labour minister, said in a weekend statement that she is concerned about the impact of a work stoppage on Canadians and on Canada's economic recovery.

The Canadian Auto Workers, the union repre-

**"Management has been trained to provide assistance at the airports that would be affected."**

DUNCAN DEE, AIR CANADA'S CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, ON THE AIRLINE'S BACKUP PLAN IF WORKERS VOTE TO STRIKE

senting some 3,800 customer-service and sales staff, issued a 72-hour strike notice Friday, which means job action can begin at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday.

Negotiations continued

through the weekend and both sides said they hope to reach a deal. A key sticking point is a management proposal to change pension plans for new hires.

Jamie Ross, president of

the CAW local that represents the employees, said yesterday they are prepared to negotiate right up until the deadline.

The threat of job action has sparked concern from travellers, though Air Canada has downplayed the potential impact. In a statement yesterday, the airline said it has a backup plan to continue operating. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# A CASE FOR ROOSTER COGBURN

## URBAN COMPASS

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Where in the world is my little cockerel?

Much like Carmen Sandiego or Waldo, a little rooster left London and travelled all over the world while folks were looking, wondering and waiting back in the Forest City. The rooster's owners, Steven and Wally — proprietors of the Verandah Café — are used to having their decor items poached, but never had someone done it with such aplomb.

This über-fun downtown eatery is celebrating its 25th anniversary this month, and in that time, fans of the Verandah have given these restaurateurs roosters of all descriptions, from large ceramic figures to little wooden ones. Some had clearly been made or purchased on the cheap, while others were expensive, handmade garden art.

**"Most items just disappear, but the cockerel in question was taken by a group of well-heeled and creative women ..."**

According to Steven, when customers have one too many "Bitch Slaps" (their specialty cocktail), stuff tends to go missing.

Wally, or Old Queen as he is commonly known, is upset about one loss in particular: One of the roosters was big enough to ride on, and some patrons, deep in their cups, did — until that decoration's demise.

From a high of more than 200 roosters lining the walls, tables and bar, there's now between 30 to 40. The duo offers general amnesty to returns by poultry-pilfering poltroons.

Most items just disappear, but the cockerel in question was taken by a group of well-heeled and creative women who each took him on extended international adventures, keeping the worried "dads" advised of his whereabouts in a series of emails and pictures.

"This one looks like a ransom note," says Steven. "It's pretty funny if you think about it. He's had quite an adventure."

From his own email account — roosterforrassom@hotmail.com — the prodigal son sent this message, as well as many others:

"BAwk!! Dads! I'm having the time of my life. Life has been so eggcitng since I was sprung from that coop you expected me to call home! Chicks are far more cracked up to be than what you led me to believe. I'm sowing my seeds instead of eating them. I do miss you though and all that cockamamie crap that you do that makes your friends come back for more. Oh and BTW, Lady Gaga beats Village People hands down!"

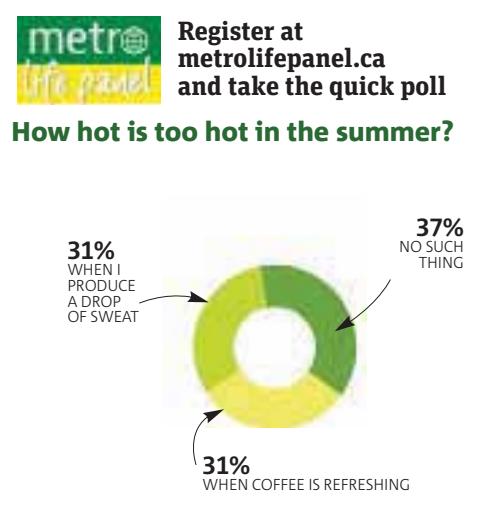
Having visited such exotic ports of call as Holland, France and Portugal, the little guy, a Mexican-made metal figurine, made his return to the Verandah with a grand presentation to repatriate him to the café. He now occupies a place of honour on the bar, never to wander again.

For more information, check out the Verandah Café on Facebook.

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### Local tweets



- **@eddobbie:** Sad the weather is not awesomeness enough for beach! BUT it's awesomeness enough to hit up heros, citylights, and MET. #LDNont love
- **@SGArnold:** Oh oh. It looks like they are digging up the intersection at Oxford and Richmond. Avoid it if you can. #ldnont
- **@Evolving:** ... on chapter 7, then back to chapter 1 and doing it all over again. #uwo #study
- **@MatiszJohn:** Just left the first ever Kids Tri4Kids mini triathlon at Carling Heights
- **@carmilevy:** Hearing reports of a sinkhole opening up near Richmond & Oxford. Shades of the Shelbyville Monorail, no? #ldnONT #EndOfDays?

### Cartoon by Michael de Adder



### WEIRD NEWS

## Another twist on definition of the arts

Getting a lap dance isn't the same as taking in a ballet, so an alcohol-free strip club will have to pay the tax man, a New York state court has ruled.

Four Appellate Division justices agreed with a state tax appeals commission's earlier finding that dances onstage or in private rooms at the club Nite Moves in suburban Albany, N.Y., don't qualify for a state tax

exemption as "dramatic or musical arts performances."

Nite Moves contested a tax bill of nearly \$125,000 plus interest on lap dances and admission fees stemming from a 2005 audit. Its attorney, W. Andrew McCullough said Friday the club has a later, larger bill it is also challenging, and that he would probably appeal the Appellate Division ruling.

McCullough said the impact of the ruling probably won't be widespread since most establishments featuring exotic dancers as entertainment are bars mainly selling alcohol where other tax rules apply. "We admit the ballet is a little different and maybe a little more finely tuned," McCullough said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Hot summer reads

From perennial summer favourites to a touch of fantasy to books made even more frightening because they're true — we've got the perfect lit picks for your beach bag



## The Sportsman: Unexpected Lessons from an Around-the-World Sports Odyssey

**Author:** Dhani Jones  
**Release Date:** June 7  
Dhani Jones has done it all. He's an NFL linebacker, the star of Travel Channel's *Dhani Tackles the Globe*, a poet, a photographer and a bow-tie entrepreneur, and now he adds writer to the list with his new travelogue/memoir, *The Sportsman*.



## The Next Wave: On the Hunt for Al Qaeda's American Recruits

**Author:** Catherine Herridge  
**Release Date:** June 12  
Here's a truly terrifying beach read: We've finally nabbed bin Laden, but as author and Fox News reporter Herridge claims, the next wave of terrorists aren't coming from some far away foreign country — they're being born and raised in the U.S.



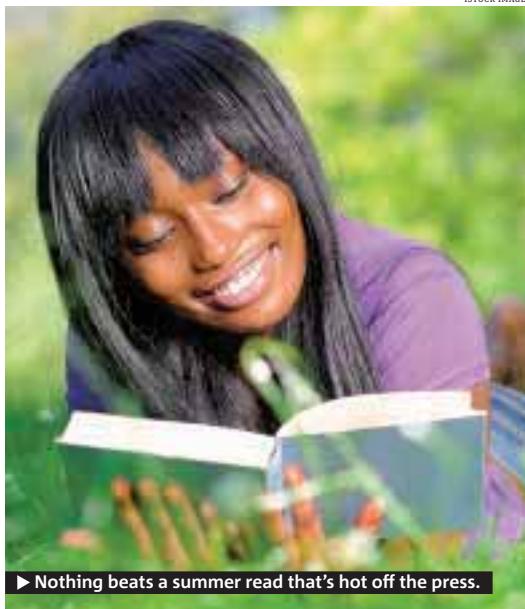
## One Summer

**Author:** David Baldacci  
**Release Date:** June 14  
One Summer is a huge departure from David Baldacci's regular shoot-'em-up thrillers. Set on the oceanfront in South Carolina, One Summer presents a moving story about family — no gunfire involved.



## Carte Blanche

**Author:** Jeffery Deaver  
**Release Date:** June 14  
Jeffery Deaver updates Bond to be an Afghan war vet with gadgets galore working for a super-secret, post-9-11 organization. But don't worry — this "new" Bond still gets the ladies.

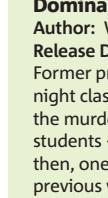


► Nothing beats a summer read that's hot off the press.



## Flashback

**Author:** Dan Simmons  
**Release Date:** July 1  
This thriller is set in the near future, where a bankrupt America is addicted to a drug that allows its population to relive the best moments and memories of the past. Simmons deftly explores how you can lose your future to your past and the inertia that can result from an addiction.



## Dominance: A Novel

**Author:** Will Lavender  
**Release Date:** July 5  
Former professor Richard Aldiss decides, via a night class broadcast from his jail cell, to find the murderer of two of his former graduate students — a crime he was convicted of 12 years ago. But then, one of his students is killed in the same way as the previous victims.



## A Dance with Dragons: A Song of Ice and Fire: Book Five

**Author:** George R.R. Martin  
**Release Date:** July 12  
Fan boys the world over (and the millions of new recruits thanks to the hugely popular HBO adaptation) have been waiting for Book five from the Song of Ice and Fire series for over six years. On July 12, the wait is over.



## A Stolen Life: A Memoir

**Author:** Jaycee Dugard  
**Release Date:** July 12  
Jaycee Lee Dugard needs no introduction. Even the People magazine news articles about her, which only lightly touch on her 18 years in captivity by Phillip and Nancy Garrido, read like gripping thrillers.



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### Box office



Hollywood's summer box-office streak has cooled a bit with a \$37 million opening weekend for J.J. Abrams and Steven Spielberg's sci-fi tale *Super 8*. It was a healthy but unremarkable launch for the movie centred on teen filmmakers and an alien entity. After a string of blockbuster debuts, Hollywood's overall revenues dipped for the first time in a month. *Super 8* bumped off the previous weekend's No. 1 movie, the comic-book prequel *X-Men: First Class*, which slipped to second-place with \$25 million. *First Class* raised its domestic total to \$98.9 million.

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Still active on Broadway, the celebrated Angela Lansbury, 85, returns to movies with *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, a project she admits she mainly signed on to for the chance to work opposite Jim Carrey.

### Did you have expectations about working with him?

Yes, certainly. I wasn't sure what I was going to come up against, you know? I thought, Gosh, is he going

# Lansbury still going strong

► The outspoken actress talks about her experience working with Jim Carrey

to do pratfalls in front of me? And if he does, how am I going to react? Well, he didn't. And we had some funny stuff. You never see all the funny stuff that we shot because it's always axed out.

I as the actress will be sitting there in the projection room looking at it and say, 'But what hap-

pened to such and such?' And this is what's so awful about movies. They can tailor your performance in the editing room, and suddenly the whole of what you did is not evident.

You only see a piece of what you did. And that is disturbing for actors and actresses — certainly for me it is.



BARRY WETCHER



Decades after *M-A-S-H*, the future of Cpl. Klinger's beloved Tony Packo's hot dogs is in doubt. Scan code for story.

## Double whammy for Lily Allen

It was a big weekend for singer Lily Allen. First, she married longtime boyfriend Sam Cooper, who then used the wedding's reception as the perfect opportunity to announce that his new bride is pregnant, according to the Daily Mail. "There were tears all around," a source says.



"This is the happiest day of Lily and Sam's lives and they are so in love. This is the icing on the wedding cake."

Allen is reportedly thrilled but cautious, given that last November she tragically suffered a miscarriage.

"Lily's scared, there's a long way to go," says a source, adding that Allen is about three months along. "But the happiness outweighs the fear."

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### Celebrity tweets



The weather here in New York City is hot, humid and muggy. YUCK! It's so sticky, I feel like a human Post-It!



@joan\_rivers  
I wish I could give every single one of u a tiny truck stop figurine of a dragon.



@russellcrowe  
Today I rode a jet ski from Positano to Amalfi and back...how was your day?



@SethMacFarlane  
Thank you, Don Henley music. I was in too good a mood just then.



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## Guess who the Olsen twins are linked to now

### ► Justin, Kanye romantically involved with sisters, according to reports



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Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have both been turning heads lately thanks to the men they've been spending time with.

First, Ashley was reportedly spotted at several events with Justin Timberlake, according to Us Weekly.

While Timberlake's rep insists the two are just friends, a source insists, "They are hooking up."

And now Mary-Kate has been hitting the town with rapper Kanye West, according to E! Online. The two hit up West's birthday party at a New York City nightclub, where eyewitnesses claim they were seen kissing.

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### Talking points

#### Gomez taken to hospital

**NAUSEA.** After seeming fine during a Tonight Show performance, 18-year-old pop singer Selena Gomez was rushed to the hospital complaining of nausea and a severe headache, according to TMZ.

She spent the night at the hospital, with her rep only saying that the singer was "currently undergoing routine tests."

Her management was quick to cancel a weekend performance at the Santa Monica Pier.

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## Big news coming from Britney?



Britney Spears is reportedly sitting on some big news, as sources say she's ready to announce she and Justin Trawick are engaged, according to Hollyscoop.

"She's on cloud nine," a source says. "Britney is desperate to settle down again

and have more children. But she is very traditional and didn't want to start a family with Jason until they'd tie the knot."

Trawick reportedly proposed by filling their home with roses and candles and writing Spears a poem.

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## Much fuss over tattoo

It looks like tattoo artist S. Victor Whitmill may earn some satisfaction from Warner Bros. after all.

The artist, who designed Mike Tyson's famous face tattoo, sued the studio for copyright infringement over its use on Ed Helms' face in The Hangover Part II. And now the studio is looking to settle things, according to Entertainment Weekly. "If the parties are unable to resolve their dispute, Warner Bros. does not intend to make any use of the allegedly infringing tattoo after the film ends its run in the theatres," studio lawyers say. "Warner Bros. will digitally alter the film (for the DVD release) to substitute a different tattoo on Ed Helms' face."

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HANDOUT

# Of fathers lost and found

► Estrangements can make Father's Day a quiet day for many families, but reunions can be oh so sweet ► Here are stories of lives touched by fathers being reunited with their kids

## Amy's story

Amy, 39, always knew she was adopted from a private orphanage in Taiwan soon after her birth.

Her adoptive parents, Paul and Marjorie Ropp from the United States were living in Taiwan at the time. They had met Amy's birth father as part of the adoption process in 1972. He was a building custodian devastated by the death of his wife from complications during Amy's birth.

Amy's parents shared with her what they knew of her birth story, but none of it mattered to her growing up. It was only in 1994, after she gave birth to a son, that Amy grew interested in finding her birth father.

All Amy had to go on was an old address her birth father had left behind when he relinquished her nearly 40 years ago. As the search went on, the Ropps enlisted the aid of friends who ran an orphanage in Taiwan about an hour's drive from where Amy was born. The friends asked for help from two Hualien police officers who had passed through their orphanage doors as children. The search moved quickly and Zhen-ji Wu — Amy's birth father — turned up.

Around Christmas in 2009, Amy met her birth family. "I just hugged them all," she said. "They said, 'We've been waiting 40 years.'"  
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► Amy Ropp



► From left: James Morrison (Marni's husband), Wen-ying Lu (Mark Shaw's wife), Mark Shaw (Marni's birth father), Marni Morrison, 19-year-old Allison Fuglestad (Marni's daughter), 12-year-old Lucy Fuglestad (Marni's daughter).

In 2008, Marni Morrison's world turned upside down.

That's the year she decided to contact her birth mother, who told her that contrary to her adoption file, her birth father was very much alive.

"I said, 'what are you talking about?' because in my mind he had been dead all that time," said the 42-year-old mother of two daughters, ages 19 and 12. "I'm still trying to get it through my head that he's alive. You're told something your whole life and there's a lot of rewiring that goes on with this whole experience."

Marni grew up in suburban Minneapolis and lives in Red Wing, Minn. She was adopted at birth, the little sister of three much-older brothers born to her adoptive parents.

She'd had access to her adoption file since turning 18, but had no interest in looking at it until after becoming a mother herself, when she felt the need to check on potential health issues for her children.

She didn't find any

**"I had always dreamed of being a father but just believed it wasn't going to happen. I look at this as a gift of a lifetime."**

**MARK SHAW, FATHER OF MARNI MORRISON, WHO WAS GIVEN UP FOR ADOPTION AFTER SHE WAS BORN**

health worries. Instead, she stumbled on a trail of lies. The file included a letter written by her birth mother in 1969 that said both her birth parents were medical students who'd planned to marry, but her birth father died in a motorcycle accident, "and it was too hard for her to keep me so she put me up for adoption," Marni said.

None of it was true, but she didn't know that until she found her birth mother and they spoke for the first time.

"She said, 'Your birth father not dead. He's a lawyer in Illinois.'"

Marni said her mother wrote the letter in an era

when single mothers were often pressured to give up their babies or risk ruining their lives.

"It's very much a fairytale type of letter. It's a very comforting story of love," she said.

Marni and her husband, James, Googled the name her birth mother had given them for her birth father, Mark Shaw.

Two people popped up, but only one was in the right age range. But they dropped the hunt when her adoptive dad got sick. He passed away in July 2009. "He had been a rock my whole life," she said.

Nine months later, James came across a book written by someone named Mark Shaw as he searched online for advice on how to publish a play. He clicked on the author's website and staring back in a photo was a man with the same gap in his teeth as his wife.

James sent Shaw an email asking whether he had practiced law in Illinois around the time of Marni's birth. The answer

was yes. The hunch was confirmed by a paternity test, and father and child now see each other every month.

"I've been in a daze for the last year," Marni said. "We recently updated our insurance policy and I can offer all my information now. I've never been able to do that."

As for Mark Shaw, he said he barely knew Marni's mother.

"This was the 1960s. I was moving around like I have my whole life — so fast," the 65-year-old author, legal analyst and seminary graduate said tearfully.

He welcomed Marni, her husband and his newfound grandchildren with open arms. He even wrote a book about his unusual path to fatherhood, *Road to a Miracle*.

"I had always dreamed of being a father but just believed it wasn't going to happen," said Shaw, who is married and lives in Superior, Colo. "I look at this as the gift of a lifetime."

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## Father of the year



In recognition of his extraordinary life, Walter Gretzky, one of Canada's most famous fathers, is being honoured as Canada's 2011 Father of the Year by Doro, a world leader in easy-to-use cell phones and devices designed especially for seniors.

Gretzky raised five children in his hometown of Brantford, Ont., inspiring and mentoring his son Wayne to become one of the greatest hockey players in the world. ■ METRO



Father's Day gift ideas for stressed-out dads.

# Quesadillas with an avocado twist

► These chicken quesadillas are kicked up with avocado for a tasty and fresh take on the Mexican favourite

Don't be discouraged by the number of ingredients in this recipe for Mexican quesadillas. The recipe comes together in 40 minutes and is served with avocado citrus cream.

#### Preparation:

- 1 Quesadillas: In a mixing bowl, combine chicken, black beans, onions, cilantro, chilies, vinegar, oil, salt and pepper. Let sit for 20 minutes to blend flavours.
- 2 In a bowl, mix cheeses together.
- 3 Lay tortillas on a clean counter or other work surface and brush with melted butter.
- 4 Place a large skillet over medium-high heat. Place a tortilla, buttered side down, into skillet and place one-quarter of the cheese mixture over entire tortilla. Place one-quarter of the chicken mixture over half of the tortilla, leaving the other half empty. Cover chicken mixture with one-quarter of the avocado slices. Cook until cheese begins to melt, 3 to 4 minutes.
- 5 Fold tortilla in half over avocado and chicken mixture. Continue cooking until tortilla is lightly golden on both sides and cheese begins to ooze. Repeat with

remaining quesadillas and ingredients.

- 6 Avocado Citrus Cream: Meanwhile, combine ingredients in a blender or food processor and

blend until smooth.

- 7 Cut quesadillas into wedges; serve with cream.

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► By adding avocados, these quesadillas get a fresh makeover.



## INVITATION - LTC DROP-IN SESSION

London Transit Commission will be holding drop-in sessions for customers and community stakeholders regarding security cameras onboard London Transit buses.

**Dates:** Thursday, June 16, 2011  
Monday, June 20, 2011

**Time:** 4 pm - 7 pm

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If you are unable to attend and wish to provide comments, please contact us at 519-451-1347 or visit us online at [www.ltconline.ca](http://www.ltconline.ca).

**Ingredients:**

**Chicken Quesadillas**

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) shredded roasted chicken
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) canned black beans, drained
- 1 bunch green onions, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch cilantro, chopped
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) minced, canned chipotle chilies
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) grated Mexican manchego cheese
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated panela cheese
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) grated cotija cheese
- 4 flour tortillas (each 25 cm/10 inches in diameter)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 1/2 ripe, fresh avocados seeded and cut into 5-mm (1/4-inch) slices

**Avocado Citrus Cream**

- 1 ripe avocado, seeded, peeled and quartered
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sour cream
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 orange, juiced
- Salt and black pepper, to taste

# Simple can be great

Want to build a better salad? Lose the chill, ditch some of the fruit and get the proportions of the vinaigrette right.

That's the advice of Jacques Pepin, star of Essential Pepin, which will air in the fall.

Pepin says a great salad can be simple as long as

the ingredients are fresh and the proportions are right. Too much fruit produces a salad that is too sweet. Likewise, most salads taste best when served cool, but not cold.

"Also important is the use of great-quality oils and vinegars," he said. "And these should be

mixed in the proper ratios: one part vinegar to three parts oil."

Pepin offers a warm salad of bacon or pancetta tossed with white beans. It is a hearty salad but still feels fresh.

#### Preparation:

- 1 In a saucepan over low heat, place the bacon.

Sauté the bacon, covered, for 8 minutes, or until the meat has rendered much of its fat. Add the onion and the garlic and cook, stirring, for about 5 seconds.

- 2 Transfer all contents of saucepan, fat and all, to a large bowl. Add the beans, salt, parsley, vinegar, oil and pepper. Mix everything well, then serve warm or at room temperature.

**Ingredients:**

- 250 g (8 oz) slab bacon or pancetta, cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) pieces
- 1 medium onion, chopped (about 250 ml/1 cup)
- 6 garlic cloves, crushed and chopped
- 2 cans (398 ml/14 oz) navy or other small white beans,

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- rinsed and drained
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped fresh parsley
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground black pepper

JACQUES PEPIN (HOUGHTON  
MIFFLIN HARCOURT,  
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# Putting unity in CommUnity

## ► Green school grants help kids across Canada build a greener future in their own backyard

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Small ideas can lead to big changes. That's why WWF-Canada has teamed up with Loblaw to offer Green CommUnity School Grants to students and schools who want to help build a cleaner, greener world.

"We developed the program to tap into the excitement, passion and sense of community that comes with schools," says Christina Topp, WWF VP of marketing and communications. "To drive everyday change in the school environment, and in the broader community."

Composting, gardening, solar energy, recycling programs — any innovative idea from any school, anywhere in Canada, can receive up to \$5,000 in financial backing.

"We've been doing this program for two years, and it's great fun to look at the applications," says Topp. "Bike recycling programs, and gardens, and worm recycling! It's phenomenal."

Grants have been awarded to large inner-city schools, tiny one-room schoolhouses, and almost every kind of classroom in between.

"You'll have students doing everything from



► Schools across Canada are applying for the green grants.

biodiversity and natural projects outside to solar panels, to creating bio-fuel buses," Topp enthuses. "Whatever the problem is, they're thinking about it

and coming up with solutions."

Peggy Hornell, senior director of community investment at Loblaw, says the program arose from

one of the supermarket chain's ongoing environmental efforts.

From schools to sponsors, this simple, open-ended program is

### Close to home

Using the grant.

► In our city London's Saunders Secondary School is spending its Green CommUnity School grant on a program where Grade 10 and 11 students develop leadership skills by running workshops that promote ecological literacy among younger students, and the community at large.

impressing and delighting everyone involved.

"There is certainly room for expansion," Topp concludes.

"But with kids — if we get them to adopt green ways of living from childhood — we don't need to change behaviours. It just becomes the everyday way they live."



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# A friendlier feeding of the front lawn

► Having gone green early, one couple's business is blooming ► Have they had time to stop and smell the roses?

## TURNING POINT

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"Being an entrepreneur is having a vision and sticking to it. Sometimes you're on the edge of insanity but I think the

companies that succeed are the people that push through the hard times and make it."

Tammy Lawrence and husband Dave knew they were on to something big 15 years ago when they

started developing organic lawn-care products. They were ahead of the curve and the pesticide bans that would sweep across Canada.

Years of costly research and development followed and now their company, Turf Revolution, based in Ayr, Ont., is set to grow 74 per cent this year. The business is exciting and they just expanded into the U.S. market, but Tammy admits guiding a company through the recent global recession has taken a huge toll on their lives.

"I wish we had known about the unexpected costs. We didn't anticipate how much growth



► Tammy Lawrence, president and owner of Turf Revolution.

we would have and how much cash flow we would need but I feel the break-through is around the corner. We just have to keep forging ahead."

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## BOOK REVIEW

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Caitlin Kelly, a veteran journalist facing declining opportunities for quality writing assignments, picked up a retail gig in an upscale neighbourhood mall to create some additional part-time income. In her book, Kelly attributes the silence because "most workers do-

Mailed, she journals her two year retail stint.

"I have never worked in any job that paid so little for such hard work," says Kelly.

Even though 70 per cent of the U.S. economy relies on its GDP from consumer spending, "retail sales associates, clerks, floor walkers, team members – whatever you choose to call them – remain oddly invisible in the media." Kelly's book offers some sobering insights into this gruelling and highly under appreciated job. Kelly attributes the silence because "most workers do-

ing these tough jobs for low wages are those least able to afford losing them... they have powerful incentive to remain silent."

Told from the perspective of an experienced professional, Kelly's insights offer a sympathetic look into the backrooms of the sales floors we peruse... I for one will certainly be more patient and friendly on my next shopping trip.

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# Is long wait almost over?

► Canucks poised to become first Canadian team in 18 years to bring home the Stanley Cup

The last time a Canadian-based team won the Stanley Cup — the Montreal Canadiens in 1993 — it was no big deal.

Well, it was a really big deal if you were a fan of the Canadiens, who caused a surprise by reaching the final and then dispatching Wayne Gretzky's Los Angeles Kings in five games to claim their record 24th cup. Big enough that there was a riot in downtown Montreal after the cup-clinching game.

But in those days, a Canadian team winning it all was the norm rather than the exception.

If the Vancouver Canucks beat the Boston Bruins this season, it would end an 18-year cup drought for the country that lives and dies with hockey. And it would end a jinx that saw the 1994 Canucks, 2004 Calgary Flames, 2006 Edmonton Oilers and 2007 Ottawa Senators all lose in the final.

When Montreal last drank from the silver bowl, it ended Mario Lemieux and the Pittsburgh Penguins' two-year reign. But before that, the cup had been won seven straight years by Canadian teams — five by the Oilers and one each by Montreal (1986) and Calgary (1989).

"There's 30 teams in the league now and every year it's very competitive," Vin-

**"I think you'll see a lot of teams going 20, 30, 40 years without winning now."**

VINCENT DAMPHOUSSE ON THE DIFFICULTY OF WINNING THE CUP

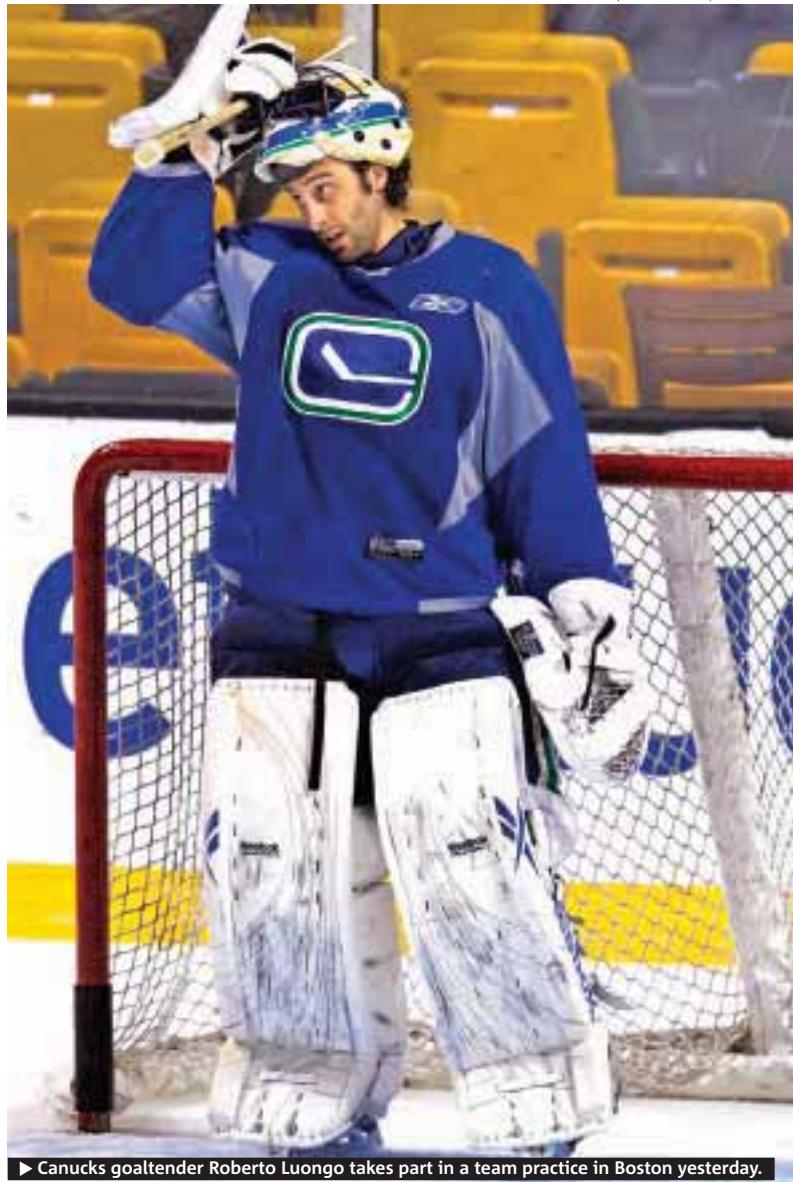
cent Damphousse, the scoring leader on the 1993 Montreal team, said this week. "It's not like the 1950s or '60s where you could build a team and keep it together and have a dynasty."

The 1992-93 Canadiens rode other-worldly goaltending from Patrick Roy and a record 10 consecutive overtime victories to a cup few gave them any chance of winning after a regular season in which they finished third in what was then called the Adams Division, behind Boston and detested rival the Quebec Nordiques.

General manager Serge Savard had made two key pre-season acquisitions, picking up scoring forwards Damphousse and Brian Bellows, to add scoring punch to a group led by centre Kirk Muller, captain Guy Carbonneau, gritty winger Mike Keane and promising young winger John LeClair.

The top defence pair had point man Mathieu Schneider and tough guy Lyle Odelein, followed by Eric Desjardins and Jean-Jacques Daigneault.

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► Canucks goaltender Roberto Luongo takes part in a team practice in Boston yesterday.

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**"If I could go back, I'd wish he didn't get hurt but I don't think it would change my decision on the play. I've got to step up and be physical, that's part of my game. It's just unfortunate."**

AARON ROME ON HIS HIT ON NATHAN HORTON THAT DREW A FOUR-GAME SUSPENSION.



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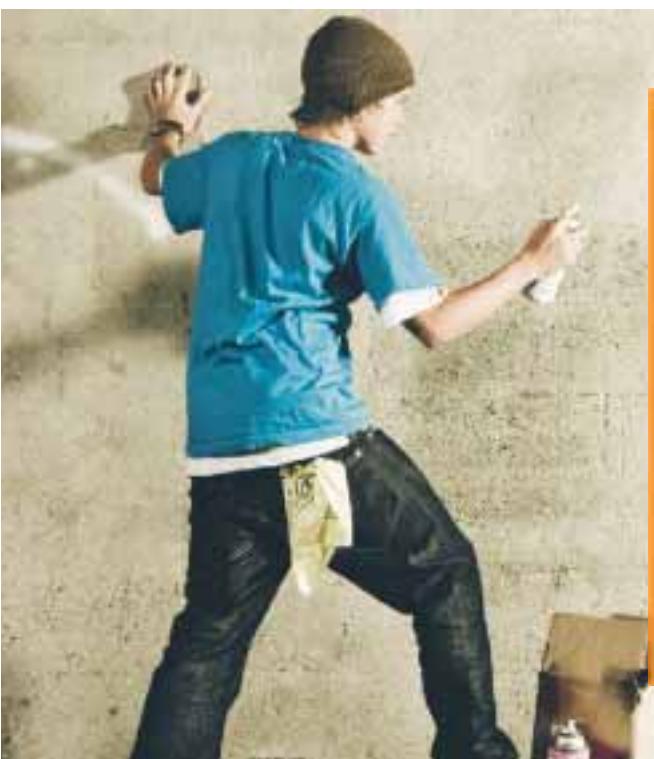
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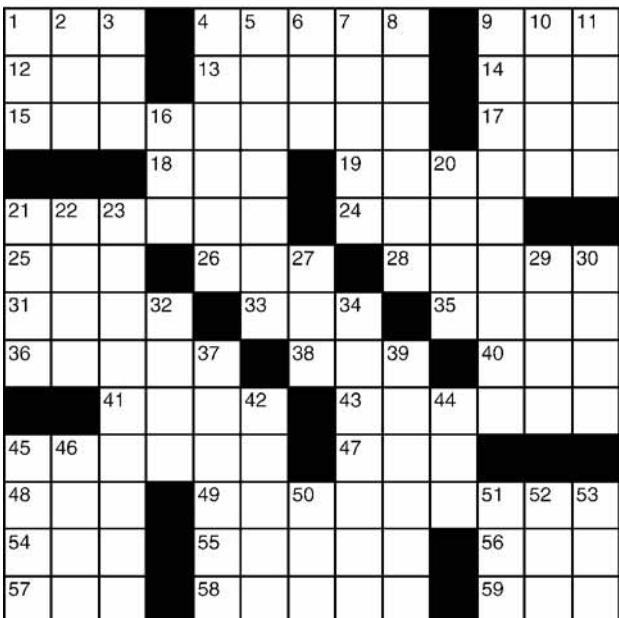
## Crossword

**Across**

1 Gorilla  
4 Year-end visitor  
9 Col. Sanders' chain  
12 Droop  
13 Up to the point that  
14 Ultra-modernist  
15 Tennessee city  
17 Cheerios ingredient  
18 Moving truck  
19 Makes into law  
21 Revealing swimsuit  
24 Polio vaccine pioneer  
25 Director Howard  
26 Explosive letters  
28 Leaf pore  
31 Teensy bit  
33 A Gabor sister  
35 Get an — effort  
36 Consume fully  
38 Priestly vestment  
40 Workweek end (Abbr.)  
41 Weeded, in a way  
43 Rented  
45 Wild horse  
47 Antiquated  
48 Have a bug  
49 It's all in your head  
54 Hockey surface  
55 "What's in —?"  
56 Rowing need  
57 — Angeles  
58 Acquires  
59 Resort

**Down**

1 Request  
2 Skillet  
3 Id counterpart  
4 Learned one  
5 Foolish  
6 Super Bowl org.  
7 Stories  
8 Sports venues  
9 Cheaper copies  
10 Accomplishment  
11 Barracks beds  
16 Louis —  
20 Can. prov.  
21 Scottish hillside  
22 Greek vowel  
23 Flaws in lumber  
27 Dam org. of 1933



29 Additional  
30 Sahara-like  
32 Unstable particle  
34 "May I do that for you?"  
37 Eat like a bird  
39 Scarlett O'Hara and her ilk  
42 Karan of fashion  
44 Citrus beverage  
45 Jump (out)  
46 Puerto follower  
50 Erstwhile acorn  
51 Two, in Tijuana  
52 Space  
53 Historic time

► Friday's answer



## Today's horoscope



For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

**Aries** March 21-April 20 Now is the time to say sorry and get things back to how they used to be.

**Taurus** April 21-May 21

Lighten up and stop worrying about things that are unlikely to happen, now or in the future.

**Gemini** May 22-June 21

Something that only a short time ago seemed to be difficult if not impossible will now seem ridiculously easy.

**Cancer** June 22-July 22 Family problems will be less intense as from today.

**Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 If there is something you have wanted to say but felt unable to put into words you'll get past that blockage today.

**Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 If you have been deceiving yourself about the true state of your money situation the truth will come out today.

**Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 So many of the things you have been getting up tight about are not worth the effort.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't waste time looking back and regretting what happened. Look forward and start making things happen.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Dreaming is one thing — doing can be a bit more of a challenge.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Make sure important people know you exist and what you can do.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Something you have always believed in may not be as simple as you had assumed.

**Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20 You have not made the most of your resources of late, but you can still do something about it.

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## Sudoku



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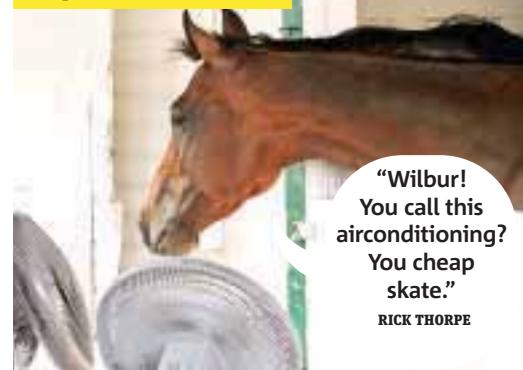
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

► Friday's answer

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You cheap  
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LG

Mr. C

As we get closer to our wedding day in August, I'm so happy we're taking all these important steps together. I couldn't be happier than I am with you. I love you muffin!

MISS D

bubba flinch

happy 5 months boo! i love you more than anything in the whole universe.

tank+stacey=<3 lol, through thick & thin. xoxo.

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